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SUMMARY. SWEDISH GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED APRIL 3 DIRECT COMMODITY AID TO PRG WORTH SKR 12 MILLION (ABOUT \$3 MILLION AT CURRENT RATE); CONTRIBUTION OF SKR 10 MILLION (\$2.5 MILLION) TO BE CHANNELLED TO ALL PARTIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA THROUGH UNICEF AND UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR); AND CONTRIBUTION OF SKR ONE MILLION (\$250,000), ALSO TO SOUTH VIETNAM PARTIES, THROUGH INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS.

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1. SWEDISH AID MINISTER GERTRUD SIGURDSEN (FMA) ANNOUNCED

APRIL 3 AT PRESS CONFERENCE AND BY PRESS RELEASE THAT SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WOULD COMPLY FULLY WITH PRG REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL DIRECT HUMANITARIAN AID (REFTELS). SUPPLIES REQUESTED BY PRG, AND NOW TO BE GRANTED BY GOS, ARE VALUED AT SKR 12 MILLION. THESE ARE 5,000 TONS WHEAT FLOUR (SKR 6.5 MILLION); 200 TONS CANNED MEAT (SKR 1 MILLION); 200 TONS EDIBLE OILS (SKR 1 MILLION); 200 TONS CONDENSED MILK (SKR 0.8 MILLION), MEDICINES AND DRUGS, MAINLY ANTIBIOTICS, MALARIA PILLS, AND VITAMIN PREPARATIONS (SKR 1.2 MILLION); PAPER (SKR 0.3 MILLION).

2. STOCKHOLM DAILIES APRIL 3, REPORTING SIGURDSEN'S PRESS CONFERENCE, SAID WHEAT SHIPMENTS WERE NOT EXPECTED TO REACH HAIPHONG FOR 4 - 4-1/2 MONTHS. OTHER ITEMS WILL BE PURCHASED NEAR VIETNAM (MEAT FROM AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, FOR INSTANCE) . MEDICINES, TO BE BOUGHT IN JAPAN, WILL BE FLOWN TO HANOI.

3. IN ADDITION, SWEDEN WILL CHANNEL SKR 10 MILLION THROUGH UNHCR AND UNICEF IN RESPONSE TO UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM'S APPEAL FOR AID TO VARIOUS PARTIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA. OLOV POLUHA, MFA AID OFFICER, TOLD US GOS HAS MADE NO DECISION YET ON ALLOCATIONS OF THIS SUM BETWEEN THE TWO AGENCIES.

4. GOS WILL ALSO PROVIDE SKR ONE MILLION TO SWEDISH RED CROSS FOR AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA TO BE CHanneLED THROUGH INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS.

5. PRESS RELEASE INDICATED THAT DISCUSSIONS ARE UNDER WAY BETWEEN MFA AND AID ORGANIZATION OF SWEDISH NONESTABLISHED CHURCHES (FRIKYRKAN HJALPER) CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING AID FUNNELED THROUGH UNITED BUDDHIST CHURCHES IN SOUTH VIETNAM. (POLUHA SAID SWEDISH HAVE ALREADY GIVEN ABOUT \$0.5 MILLION TO BUDDHISTS.) GOS IS PREPARED TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO UNITED BUDDHIST CHURCHES WHEN ASSURED THAT ORGANIZATION CAN HANDLE DISTRIBUTION OF DISASTER AID EFFICIENTLY.

6. PAPERS INDICATED THAT SKR 23 MILLION FOR VIETNAM AID HAD BEEN SCRAPED TOGETHER FROM LAST SKR 11 MILLION LEFT IN BILATERAL HUMANITARIAN AID APPROPRIATION THIS BUDGET YEAR  
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AND FROM LAST SKR 16 MILLION LEFT FROM MULILATERAL AID APPORPRIATION. POLUHA SAID BUDDHISTS WERE LIKELY TO GET ONLY PORTION OF SKR 4 MILLION STILL UNCOMMITTED.

7. DAGENS NYHETER EDITORIAL APRIL 4 CRITICIZED SKR 23 MILLION AID AS INADEQUATE. PAPER COMPLAINED THAT AID SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO SUM REMAINING IN AID BUDGET AT END OF FISCAL YEAR, POINTED OUT POSSIBILITY OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION, AND URGED

PARLIAMENT TO VOTE ADDITIONAL FUNDS.

8. SAME PAPER REPORTED APRIL 3 THAT SWEDISH COMMITTEE FOR VIETNAM AND UNITED FNL GROUPS HAD STARTED COLLECTIONS ON BEHALF OF REFUGEES "NOW ON HANDS" OF PRG IN SOUTH VIETNAM. A COMMITTEE OF FNL GROUPS WILL NOT ONLY COLLECT AID MONEY BUT WILL ALSO WAGE CAMPAIGN FOR SWEDISH RECOGNITION OF PRG, PAPER SAID.  
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